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Dear Mr. Wong:

Thank you for your comments of October 28, 2002, on the Draft State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report. We welcome the interest this draft report has generated and are pleased to provide a response to your comments.

You indicated that the 2001 and 2021A study delivery percentages should not be characterized as "SWP Reliability" since they do not reflect the maximum amount of water that the SWP system is capable of delivering. I appreciate this point. Regardless of the term used, the Department of Water Resources believes the report is very clear about the type of information being provided and the need for local water agencies to determine how best to use it. Your decision to base planning studies upon the 2021B study is technically justifiable and one that is respected by DWR.

The Department of Water Resources plans to finalize the SWP Delivery Reliability Report in the near future. We recognize that this is an ongoing process and plan to revise the report at least every two years.

Your letter, as well as all others, commenting on the draft report and the corresponding responses will be included in an appendix to the final report. In addition, they are posted on the State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report website (http://swpdelivery.water.ca.gov).

If you need additional information or would like to discuss this further, please call me at (916) 653-1099. For further technical information, please call Francis Chung, Chief of DWR's Bay-Delta Office Modeling Support Branch, at (916) 653-5924.

Sincerely,

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